



# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

## DEPARTMENT OF TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND ENERGY

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND PROCEDURAL CONFERENCE

D.T.E. 04-114

February 24, 2005

D.T.E. 03-118

Petition of Cambridge Electric Light Company and Commonwealth Electric Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric requesting approval of their 2004 Transition Cost Reconciliation Filing, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, §1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03 (4)(e).

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On December 7, 2004, pursuant to G.L. c. 164, § 1A(a) and 220 C.M.R. § 11.03(4)(e), Cambridge Electric Light Company ("Cambridge") and Commonwealth Electric Company ("Commonwealth") d/b/a NSTAR Electric (collectively, "the Companies") filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy ("Department") their 2004 reconciliation filing, which consists of the reconciliation of transition, transmission, standard offer service and default service costs and revenues, and proposed updated charges and tariffs. On December 29, 2004, the Department determined that further investigation was necessary and allowed the tariffs to take effect as of January 1, 2005, subject to reconciliation following the conclusion of its investigation. Cambridge Electric Light Company/ Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 04-114. On January 14, 2005, pursuant to a joint motion of the Companies and the Attorney General, the Department consolidated the Companies' 2004 reconciliation filing with their 2003 reconciliation filing, which is docketed as Cambridge Electric Light Company/ Commonwealth Electric Company, D.T.E. 03-118.

In this phase of the proceeding, the Department will examine issues including, but not limited to, consistency of the updated charges and tariffs with the methods and provisions approved in Cambridge Electric Light Company/Commonwealth Electric Company, D.P.U./D.T.E. 97-111 (1998), D.T.E. 99-90 (2001), D.T.E. 00-83 (2002), D.T.E. 01-79 (2001), and D.T.E. 03-118-A (2004).

The Department will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on the Companies' petition on **Tuesday, March 15, 2005** at 2:00 p.m. at the Department's offices, One South Station, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Boston, Massachusetts. The public hearing will be immediately followed by a procedural conference. Any person interested in commenting on the Companies' petition may appear at the public hearing or submit written comments to the Department not later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, March 11, 2005**.

Any person interested in participating in this investigation must file a written petition for leave to intervene in this proceeding no later than the close of business (5:00 p.m.) on **Friday, March 11, 2005**. A petition to intervene must satisfy the timing and substantive requirements of 220 C.M.R. § 1.03. Receipt by the Department – not mailing – constitutes filing and determines whether a petition is timely filed. A late-filed petition may be disallowed as untimely, unless good cause is shown for a waiver under 220 C.M.R. § 1.01(4). To be allowed, a petition under 220 C.M.R. § 1.03(1) must satisfy the standing requirements of G.L. c. 30A, § 10.

All written comments or petitions to intervene must be filed with the Department of Telecommunications and Energy, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts 02110, as follows: (a) an original with Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary; (b) one copy with the assigned Hearing Officer, Shaela McNulty Collins; (c) two (2) copies with Jeff Hall, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division; and (d) two (2) copies with Meera Bhalotra, Rates and Revenue Requirements Division. In addition, one copy of all written comments or petitions to intervene must be sent to BECo's counsel, Robert N. Werlin, Esquire, Keegan, Werlin & Pabian, LLP, 265 Franklin Street, Boston, MA 02110-3113.

All written documents should also be submitted to the Department in electronic format using one of the following methods: (1) by e-mail attachment to [dte.efiling@state.ma.us](mailto:dte.efiling@state.ma.us) and to [Shaela.Collins@state.ma.us](mailto:Shaela.Collins@state.ma.us); or (2) on a 3.5" disk, IBM-compatible format. The text of the e-mail or the disk label must specify: (1) the docket number of the proceeding (D.T.E. 04-114/D.T.E. 03-118), (2) name of the person or company submitting the filing, and (3) a brief descriptive title of the document (e.g., Initial Comments or Petition to Intervene). The electronic filing should also include the name, title and phone number of a person to contact in the event of questions about the filing. Text responses should be created in either Corel WordPerfect, Microsoft Word, or as an Adobe-compatible PDF file. Data or spreadsheet responses should be compatible with Microsoft Excel. Documents submitted in electronic format will be posted on the Department's Website, <http://www.mass.gov/dte>.

Copies of the Companies' filings are available for inspection at the Department's offices, One South Station, Boston, Massachusetts during business hours (Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.). Copies are also available for inspection at the Companies' offices, 800 Boylston Street, Boston, Massachusetts 02199. Any person desiring further information regarding the Companies' filings should contact Robert N. Werlin, Esquire, at (617) 951-1400. Any person desiring further information regarding this notice should contact Shaela McNulty Collins, Hearing Officer, Department of Telecommunications and Energy, at (617) 305-3500.